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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S VIEWS ON UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
(SSOD)

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1. DURING DCM'S MEETING WITH MFA ADDITIONAL SECRETARY
NIAZ NAIK ON APRIL 3 CONCERNING HORN OF AFRICA, NAIK
DISCUSSED HIS RECENT TRIP TO LONDON, PARIS, MOSCOW, TOKYO,
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AND PEKING FOR "INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS" ON THE UPCOMING SSOD
(REF A). NAIK MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) PAKISTAN WILL PUSH FOR SECURITY ASSURANCES FOR
NON-NUCLEAR STATES, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF NON-PROFLIFERA-
TION AND THE SHARING OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY ON A NON-
DISCRIMINATORY BASIS.

(B) ON THE FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD), PAKISTAN BELIEVES THAT NO "UNIVERSAL, DURABLE AGREEMENT" IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE AND THE PRC. THE FRENCH, HE SAID, WILL ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN FORMAT TO PRESERVE SOME OF THE FEATURES OF THE CCD, SUCH AS ITS RESTRICTIVE MEMBERSHIP, WHILE CHANGING OTHERS. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AND THAT MEMBERSHIP, ALTHOUGH RESTRICTED, SHOULD BE ENLARGED AND PUT ON A ROTATING BASIS. THE NEW BODY SHOULD ALSO BE SPECIFICALLY LINKED WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. ON THIS MATTER, PAKISTAN BELIEVES THAT THE CCD IS THE ONLY FORUM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE ABOLISHED UNTIL ITS REPLACEMENT IS READY. PAKISTAN ADVOCATES TWO NEW FEATURES IN ANY REPLACEMENT BODY: FIRST THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR; AND SECOND, THAT MEMBERSHIP (APART FROM THE MAJOR POWERS) SHOULD BE ROTATIONAL AND BE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS. TWO FEATURES OF THE CURRENT BODY MUST BE PRESERVED IN ANY CHANGE, HOWEVER; THESE ARE: (1) THE ROLE OF THE BODY AS A NEGOTIATING, AND NOT A DELIBERATIVE, BODY, AND (2) THE CAREFUL POLITICAL BALANCE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

(C) ACCORDING TO NAIK, THE SOVIET VIEW IS THAT THE
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CCD SHOULD NOT BE ABOLISHED, BUT THAT THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP IS WORTH SACRIFICING IF THAT WILL ENSURE FRANCE'S PARTICIPATION. THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, SAY THAT "NEW FACTORS," I.E. ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS, "HAVE CAST A DARK SHADOW," AND WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS, NOT ONLY IN THE CCD, BUT ON BILATERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SALT NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOVIETS ALLEGE THAT THE US HAS BEEN TRYING TO LINK THE SO-CALLED "NEUTRON" BOMB ISSUE WITH THE SALT TALKS, BUT THESE DEAL ONLY WITH OLD WEAPONS, AND THE "NEUTRON" BOMB IS A NEW WEAPON. IN SUMMARY, NAIK SAID, THE SOVIETS STATED THAT "THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN CLOUDED," AND ADVISED THE GOP TO "BE REALISTIC (AND) DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH" FROM THE SSOD.

(D) THE PRC, NAIK SAID, IS NOT READY TO JOIN THE CCD. PEKING FEELS THAT ALL STATES ARE AFFECTED, SO ALL STATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENT SET-UP, THEY MAY PROPOSE A REVIVAL OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. THE PRC FEELS THAT THE US AND USSR ARE NOT TRULY INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT BUT USE THESE MEETINGS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.
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